

# bKash sees 50 lakh remittance transfers thru Pubali Bank in 10 months

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Bangladeshi expatriates have sent remittances to their bKash accounts more than 50 lakh times in the last 10 months through Pubali Bank.

This hassle-free and secure service, provided by two of the country's leading financial institutions, has earned the trust of expatriates and their families. It also encourages the use of legal remittance channels, thereby strengthening Bangladesh's foreign currency reserves.

The country's leading mobile financial service provider, in association with Pubali Bank Limited, organised a programme at the bKash headquarters in Dhaka recently to celebrate this achievement.

Mohammad Ali, managing director and CEO of Pubali Bank PLC, and Kamal Quadir, chief executive officer of bKash Limited, inaugurated the programme, according to a press release.

They highlighted the significance of this joint service and pledged to make remittance transactions even easier and safer for users.

As a vital lifeline for the national economy, remittances from expatriates play a critical role in boosting foreign exchange reserves and supporting macroeconomic stability.

To support this, Pubali Bank and bKash have developed a robust ecosystem that enables expatriates to send money easily and securely.

Currently, expatriates from 33 countries can send remittances through 11 international money transfer operators (MTOs), which are settled instantly into recipients' bKash accounts via Pubali Bank.

Additionally, recipients receive a government incentive of Tk 25 per thousand and can conveniently cash out the remittance from nearby bKash agent points.

Families of expatriates can also use remittances to access a wide range of services through their bKash accounts, including payments for products and services, utility bills (gas, electricity, water), mobile recharge, educational and government fees, donations, insurance premiums, microfinance instalments, and more—all from the comfort of their homes.



**Kamal Quadir, chief executive officer of bKash Limited, and Mohammad Ali, managing director and CEO of Pubali Bank PLC, inaugurate a programme celebrating a record 10 months of remittances at the bKash headquarters in Dhaka recently.**

PHOTO: BKASH

# Moin Ullah Chowdhury made MD of Coca-Cola Bangladesh

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Coca-Cola, one of the country's leading beverage companies, has appointed Moin Ullah Chowdhury as the managing director (MD) of Coca-Cola Bangladesh Limited.



**Moin Ullah Chowdhury**

Chowdhury brings over 15 years of extensive experience in marketing, distribution, and business leadership across diverse industries.

He joined Coca-Cola Bangladesh as a commercial and franchise manager in 2018 and later advanced to director of franchise, according to a press release.

In this role, he has played a key part in strengthening the company's market presence, fostering strategic brand partnerships, and driving sustainable commercial growth.

Chowdhury began his professional career at British American Tobacco Bangladesh, where he progressed from territory officer to area manager and brand executive. He later served as head of customer engagement and client support at bKash.

He holds a bachelor's degree from North South University.

# Prime Bank organises annual risk conference



**ANM Moinul Kabir, director of the Department of Off-Site Supervision (DOS) at Bangladesh Bank, and Hassan O Rashid, chief executive officer of Prime Bank PLC, pose for a group photograph with participants of the "Annual Risk Conference 2025" at Prime Tower in Nikunja, Dhaka recently.**

PHOTO: PRIME BANK

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Prime Bank PLC recently organised its "Annual Risk Conference 2025" at Prime Tower in Nikunja, Dhaka, reaffirming its commitment to fostering a proactive risk culture and ensuring sustainable growth in line with regulatory standards.

ANM Moinul Kabir, director of the Department of Off-Site Supervision (DOS) at Bangladesh Bank, attended the conference as the chief guest, according to a press release.

Surabhi Ghosh, additional director of DOS, attended the event as the special guest.

In his welcome address, Hassan O Rashid, chief executive officer of Prime Bank PLC, emphasised the bank's unwavering commitment to developing a proactive risk culture and maintaining sustainable growth in accordance with regulatory expectations.

Nazmin Nahar, joint director of DOS at the central bank, served as a resource

person and shared valuable insights with participants.

During the sessions, experienced central bankers discussed key issues related to risk management policies, the implementation of risk-based supervision (RBS), expected credit loss (ECL), and current challenges facing the banking sector.

They praised Prime Bank's strong risk management framework and its continued efforts to uphold a robust risk culture. The bank also honoured the top proactive risk identifiers for their contributions to strengthening the bank's risk culture.

Faisal Rahman, additional managing director and chief business officer of Prime Bank PLC; Md Ziaur Rahman, deputy managing director and chief risk officer; M Nazeem A Chowdhury and Md Iqbal Hossain, deputy managing directors; and Kazi Naim Morshed, head of risk management, among others, were also present.

# Mohammad Ali named as IRBA transformation leader

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Mohammad Ali, managing director of Pubali Bank PLC, has been awarded the "IRBA Transformation Leader in Bangladesh 2025" by the Awards Committee of the Islamic Retail Banking Awards (IRBA).



**Mohammad Ali**

The award highlights Mohammad Ali's exceptional leadership, strategic foresight, and transformative contributions to advancing Islamic banking practices and strengthening the overall financial ecosystem in Bangladesh, according to a press release.

His visionary approach, commitment to innovation, and dedication to ensuring inclusive, shariah-compliant financial solutions have been instrumental in elevating the standards of Islamic retail banking across the country.

Organised by Cambridge IFA, the IRBA is a globally respected platform renowned for recognising excellence, innovation, and best practices in Islamic retail banking.

The selection of the "Transformation Leader" is based on a rigorous evaluation model conducted by an independent panel of experts, reflecting outstanding performance, influence, and impact within the industry.

Upon receiving the recognition, Ali expressed gratitude, saying, "This award is a profound honour and a testament to the collective efforts of our teams dedicated to strengthening Islamic banking services in Bangladesh."

"I remain committed to fostering innovation, promoting ethical banking, and contributing to the continued growth and transformation of the Islamic finance sector," he added.

# Berger Paints launches 'Color Carnival' campaign

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Berger Paints Bangladesh Limited has launched a campaign, titled "Color Carnival" on Tuesday at the Berger Experience Zone in Bashundhara, Dhaka.

The campaign offers special discounted rates on painting services and exclusive gift vouchers, making it an ideal opportunity for homeowners to refresh their living spaces ahead of the New Year.

Abul Kashem Mohammad Sadek Nawaj, chief business officer of Berger Paints Bangladesh Limited, inaugurated the campaign as the chief guest, according to a press release.

At the event, Nawaj said, "Color Carnival is one of our most impactful consumer campaigns. It reflects Berger's commitment to making painting easier, more accessible, and more enjoyable for homeowners."

"With new Illusions designs and exclusive benefits, we are enabling

customers to experience world-class, worry-free painting services," he added.

As demand typically rises during the year-end and peak wedding season, Berger aims to make professional painting services more accessible and cost-effective for customers across the country.

This year's Color Carnival also features new Illusions textures and designs, giving customers an expanded range of creative and visually appealing options to enhance their interiors.

During Color Carnival, customers can enjoy additional benefits along with Berger's best-in-class professional painting services, bringing trusted and comprehensive painting solutions just a phone call away.

Saluddin Ahmed Track, chief marketing officer of the company, and Shabbir Ahmed, general sales manager, were also present, along with senior officials, partners, and representatives.



**Abul Kashem Mohammad Sadek Nawaj, chief business officer of Berger Paints Bangladesh Limited, inaugurates the "Color Carnival" campaign at the Berger Experience Zone in Bashundhara, Dhaka on Tuesday.**

PHOTO: BERGER PAINTS BANGLADESH

# ACI Agrolink's shrimp processing matches European standards: EU delegation

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International delegates have highly praised ACI Agrolink's shrimp processing and quality control during a regional workshop organised under the European Union's (EU) "Better Training for Safer Food (BTSF)" programme.

Following a recent visit to the factory, delegates from eight EU and Asian countries said the ACI Agrolink processing facility is on par with advanced shrimp processing plants in Europe, noting no observable difference in standards.

A total of 45 government representatives from eight countries – Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Thailand, and Vietnam – as well as observers from the EU, attended the workshop.

As part of the training, the delegation toured the ACI Shrimp Genetics Nursery and the ACI Agrolink Shrimp Processing Factory. During the visit, they were briefed on the full process of Post Larval (PL) nursing and the EU-required protocols for processing export-quality shrimp.

Participants expressed strong satisfaction with ACI's management and recognised the company's contribution to strengthening the shrimp value chain. They praised the food safety, quality assurance, and biosecurity measures maintained during PL nursing and shrimp processing. Several delegates also said they would be willing to purchase ACI Agrolink products at premium prices due to the consistently high quality.

In response to a query from Syed M Istiak regarding potential areas for improvement, a representative of the European Commission said ACI Agrolink is already maintaining the

highest standards, adding that the priority should be to ensure continuity.

The EU delegation presented ACI Agrolink with a "Better Training for Safer Food (BTSF)" certificate of appreciation for maintaining high standards.

The third day of the four-day training, titled "BTSF SPS Non-EU Countries Bangladesh: Regional Workshop on Aquaculture", was organised by the Spanish Association for

Standardization (AENOR) and funded by the EU.

ACI Agrolink Limited, in collaboration with the Department of Fisheries, conducted the event.

Md Khaled Kanak, deputy director of the Department of Fisheries, Syed M Istiak, business director of ACI Agrolink Ltd, along with senior officials of the Department of Fisheries; and district and upazila-level fisheries officers, were also present.



**International delegates pose for a group photograph after visiting the ACI Agrolink Shrimp Processing Factory as part of the "BTSF SPS Non-EU Countries Bangladesh: Regional Workshop on Aquaculture", organised by the Spanish Association for Standardization and conducted by ACI Agrolink Limited and the Department of Fisheries, in Dhaka recently.**

PHOTO: ACI AGROLINK

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